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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN PRESS IMPLIES CAMP DAVID NEGOTIATIONS
- ARE MAKING PROGRE8S TOWARD DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLE\$

SUMMARY: EGYPTIAN PRESS CONVEYS IMPRESSION THAT INTENSE
DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY AT CAMP DAVID IS PRODUCING PROGRESS
TOWARD A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. EGYPTIAN CORRES-
PONDENTS REPORT FROM THURMONT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S
ROLE HAS SHIFTED FROM THAT OF LISTENER TO "PRESSURER".
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AKHBAR'S MOUSSA SABRI IS NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT OUTCOME,
QUESTIONING WHETHER U. S. WILL TAKE THE FIRM STAND
NEEDED TO MAKE ISRAEL CONCEDE ON KEY ISSUES. SABRI SAYS
AMERICAN SOURCES BELIEVE POSSIBILITY OF EGYPTIAN
NON-RENEWAL OF UNEF HAS BEEN MAJOR REASON FOR ACTIVE
AMERICAN ROLE. END SUMMARY.
1. PROGRESS AT CAMP DAVID. PRESS SEPTEMBER 9 CONTINUES

TO CONVEY IMPRESSION OF INTENSE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY AT CAMP DAVID AND IMPLIES THAT PROGRESS IS BEING MADE. AHRAM HEADLINE DECLARES "AMERICAN SOURCES" INDICATE THERE IS MOVEMENT TOWARD REACHING DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. REPORTING FROM CAMP DAVID, AHRAM CORRESPONDENTS SAY THAT "RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES" STATED THAT THERE HAS BEEN PROGRESS ON SOME OF THE ISSUES, THUS RAISING HOPE THAT THE TALKS WOULD RESULT IN A FRAMEWORK FOR A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. THESE PRINCIPLES, THE AMERICAN SOURCE IS QUOTED AS SAYING, WOULD INCLUDE A COMMITMENT BY ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM THE WEST BANK WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR ISRAEL. AHRAM'S ASSESSMENT IS THAT CAMP DAVID TALKS HAVE SO FAR DEALT WITH ME ISSUES IN ALL THEIR ASPECTS, BUT HAVE CONCENTRATED ON THE WEST BANK AND GAZA AND THE PALESTINIAN SITUATION. AHRAM BELIEVES THE TALKS HAVE REVIEWED THE POSITIONS OF ALL PARTIES; THE AIM HAS BEEN TO PREVENT A RETREAT TO EARLIER POSITIONS AND TO LEARN HOW FAR ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO GO FOR SAKE OF PEACE. ARTICLE CONCLUDES THAT U. S. IS CONCENTRATING ITS EFFORTS ON ISRAEL, NOT EGYPT, AND SAYS THERE IS NO TELLING HOW LONG CAMP DAVID TALKS WILL CONTINUE.

2. U. S. ROLE. GUMHURIYYA HEADLINES HIGHLIGHT PRESIDENT CARTER'S PARTICIPATION IN TALKS AS FULL PARTNER. IN ACCOMPANYING STORY, HODA TEWFIK, NOW AT CAMP DAVID UNCLASSIFIED

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COVERING THE SUMMIT, CITES "WELL-INFORMED" SOURCES AS SAYING THAT CARTER'S ROLE HAS SHIFTED FROM THAT OF LISTENER TO THAT OF "PRESSURER". IN THIS REGARD, SHE REPORTS THAT "AMERICAN CIRCLES" ARE PLACING SPECIAL IMPORTANCE ON LATE-HOUR MEETING BETWEEN CARTER, BEGIN, DYAN, AND WEIZMAN, AND CONCLUDES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER IS PRESSING ISRAEL TO OFFER CONCESSIONS.

3. AKHBAR'S MOUSSA SABRI REPORTS FROM CAMP DAVID THAT "AMERICAN POLITICAL CIRCLES" ARE SAYING CARTER HAD TO FIND A WAY TO UNBLOCK THE ROAD TO PEACE, BECAUSE IF PRESENT SITUATION CONTINUED UNTIL OCTOBER, EGYPT MIGHT NOT RENEW THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT, THEREBY PRODUCING TENSIONS LEADING TO WAR. SABRI SAYS HE EXPECTS THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING AT CAMP DAVID WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL NEXT MONDAY OR TUESDAY, BUT HE IS NOT OPTIMISTIC REGARDING THE OUTCOME. HE BELIEVES BEGIN WILL NOT RETREAT UNLESS HE IS CONFRONTED BY A CLEAR AMERICAN STAND, AND QUESTIONS WHETHER CARTER CAN MOUNT SUCH A STAND. SABRI SAYS "POLITICAL CIRCLES" BELIEVE CARTER'S STRATEGY IS TO TRY TO REMOVE PSYCHOLOGICAL TENSIONS BETWEEN BEGIN AND SADAT, AVOIDING AT THE OUT-

SET THE DISCUSSION OF DIFFICULT ISSUES. PRESS PICKS UP
POWELL'S DENIAL THAT AMERICAN FORCES WILL BE STATIONED
IN WEST BANK AND GAZA.

4. PROPOSALS. HODA TEWFIK NOTES ISRAELI RADIO REPORT
THAT BEGIN HAS PRESENTED TWO PROPOSALS:
FIRST, THAT DISCUSSIONS AT CAMP DAVID BE LIMITED TO
SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO EGYPT AND ISRAEL ALONE, AND
SECOND, THAT RESOLUTION 242 BE CONSIDERED A DECLARATION
OF PRINCIPLES. ON OTHER HAND, MOUSSA SABRI SAYS EGYPT-
IAN PLAN IS BASED ON WITHDRAWAL AND TREATMENT OF

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PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IN ALL ITS ASPECTS. AS FOR U. S.
PROPOSALS, PRESS REPORTS POWELL AS SAYING THAT HE DID
NOT KNOW WHETHER U. S. HAD PRESENTED SPECIFIC PROPOSALS.

5. COMMENTARIES. AHRAH EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON
CARTER'S "NEW IDEAS AND ALTERNATIVES", URGING AMERICA
TO TAKE A PRACTICAL STAND ON THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM

BASED ON THE ASWAN FORMULA. GUMHURIYYA REITERATES
CHARGE THAT ISRAEL'S ALLEGED LEAK OF U. S.
PLAN IS A FORM OF "MANEUVERING" DESIGNED TO EMBARRASS
AND PRESSURE AMERICA. MATTHEWS

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